



A-SBIRT FAQ

A Guide for Medicaid

(Adolescent - Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment)

A-SBIRT Tools:

- AUDIT
- DAST
- CRAFFT
- ASSIST
- S2BI

Provider Codes:

PCPs

- 99408
- 99409

FQHC

- T1015 and
 - 99408
 - 99409

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What is A-SBIRT?

A-SBIRT is a public health approach for youth up to 18 years old that promotes the broad use of screening tools to identify adolescents who are at-risk of developing substance use disorders, or who may benefit from referral to substance use evaluation and treatment.

What are the benefits of doing A-SBIRT?

Substance use disorders are under-recognized and under-treated. A-SBIRT is a quick, efficient, and evidence-based approach to identifying and referring individuals to treatment that is reimbursable through Medicaid.

What is an A-SBIRT screening tool?

Multiple assessments are accepted for use including Alcohol Use Disorder Identification Test (AUDIT); Drug Abuse Screening Test (DAST); CRAFFT; Alcohol, Smoking and Substance Involvement Screening Test (ASSIST); Screening to Brief Intervention (S2BI); and others.

Who can bill Medicaid for A-SBIRT and how?

Reimbursement for A-SBIRT services is available for all primary care providers. Primary care providers include physicians, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), and Physician Assistants (PAs).

- **Primary Care Providers (PCPs):** Two Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes are accepted:
 - 99408 (screening service; 15-30 minutes)
 - 99409 (screening service; >30 minutes)

If multiple services are performed, an Evaluation and Management (E&M) code should be used with modifier 25 in addition to the respective SBIRT billing code.

- **FQHC providers:** Must bill T1015 with additional submissions for procedures performed (i.e., 99408 or 99409).

Please see the linked provider bulletins in the "Resources" section below for more details.

How do I get trained in A-SBIRT?

Contact the UConn Health Center SBIRT Training group:
[UConn Health Center SBIRT Training Institute](#)

URL Resources

Connecticut

[DMHAS SBIRT](http://www.ct.gov/dmhas/cwp/view.asp?q=491532) (www.ct.gov/dmhas/cwp/view.asp?q=491532)

[SBIRT in Primary Care \(DSS Provider Bulletin 2015-79\)](#)

[SBIRT Performed at FQHCs \(DSS Provider Bulletin 2016-81\)](#)

National

[SAMHSA](https://www.samhsa.gov/sbirt/about) (<https://www.samhsa.gov/sbirt/about>)